



Environmental Impact Statement



Scoping Comment for the Proposed Canadian National Railway Company Acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company STB Finance Docket No. 35087 Comment Form

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How Do I Submit Comments?

- **Written Comments:** Complete and submit this form at the public open house scoping meeting, or follow the directions on the reverse side of this sheet to mail your comments.
- **Recorded Comments:** Provide your comments to a member of the project team or court reporter at this public open house scoping meeting, or call the toll-free project information line: 1-800-347-0689.
- **Electronic Comments:** Submit electronic comments by visiting the Surface Transportation Board's website, www.stb.dot.gov, under the heading "E-Filing."

Please refer to STB Finance Docket No. 35087 in all correspondence addressed to the Surface Transportation Board. Comments must be submitted by February 1, 2008.

See attached sheet

What scoping meeting did you attend? (Please circle): Mundelein, Barrington, Joliet, Matteson, Gary, West Chicago, Chicago.

YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT!

Comments provided by the public help determine the scope of the environmental review.

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Talking Points

- The proposed acquisition of the EJ&E by CN will mean that CN will reroute all of its freight traffic in the region out of Chicago and into the suburbs. The CN contends that this will be a good thing for the “region as a whole.”
- Thousands of people who do not live or work in Barrington, drive through this town on 14 and 59 every day. These are major thoroughfares. In my mind, blocking these highways dozens of times each day with mile-long freight trains doesn’t to benefit the region.
- If CN’s position is that overpasses or underpasses should be built on these state roads in order to eliminate the road congestion, do they expect the City of Barrington or the State of Illinois to fund those improvements?
- I understand that CN posted record profits in 2007. How can a corporation that posted record profits, expect the taxpayers of this city and state to pay for these crossing improvements?
- How will this transaction affect Amtrak service? I understand that the CN line that Amtrak uses into and out of Union Station will be abandoned.